

1919.
NEW ZEALAND.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PENSIONS DEPARTMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1919.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 70 of the Pensions Act, 1913.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS to the Hon. the MINISTER OF PENSIONS.
SIR, Pensions Department, Wellington, 30th August, 1919.
I have the honour to furnish herewith, for the information of Parliament, the report of the Department relating to war, old-age, widows', military (Maori War), and miners' pensions for the year ended 31st March, 1919.
The following summaries show at a glance the position at the close of the year :—

PENSIONS IN FORCE AND ANNUAL VALUE AT 31ST MARCH, 1919.

	Number of Pensions.	Statutory Pensions.	Allowances under Finance Act, 1917.	Total Pensions.	Average Pension.	
					Statutory.	Total.
		£	£	£	£	£
War	27,427	1,615,827	..	1,615,827	59	59
Old-age	19,872	473,574	258,336	731,910	23	36
Widows'	3,211	65,860	46,758	112,618	20	35
Military	1,040	37,440	10,374	47,814	36	45
Miners'	240	10,120	2,483	12,603	42	52
Totals	51,790	2,202,821	317,951	2,520,772	..	..

GROSS PAYMENTS, YEAR 1918-19.

	Statutory Pensions.	Allowances under Finance Act, 1917.	Total Pensions.
	£	£	£
War	1,199,755	..	1,199,755
Old-age	482,458	260,605	743,063
Widows'	44,715	36,058	80,773
Military	39,455	11,033	50,488
Miners'	10,721	2,555	13,276
Totals	1,777,104	310,251	2,087,355

Cost per head of European population, £1 17s. 1d.